

REMARKS

In the Official Action of June 7, 2005, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among six allegedly distinct inventions, namely:

Invention I, referring to claims 1-46 and 102-136, drawn to a digital content integrity check associated with the feature of computer program modification detection by cryptography;

Invention II, referring to claims 53-56, 64-66, 83-101 and 137-152, drawn to stored data content processing protection using a content key derived from either a system common key or an apparatus-specific key and encryption key data;

Invention III, referring to claims 57 and 67, drawn to mutual entity authentication in a data processing system between the host device and the slave device using a specific authentication key;

Invention IV, referring to claims 47-52, 58-63 and 68, drawn to a particular key generator which generates individual keys necessary to execute encryption processing based on master keys and identification data of the apparatus;

Invention V, referring to claims 69-82, drawn to a tamper resistant process that verifies the presence or absence of tampering by using an illegal device list included in content data and that executes collation processing accordingly; and

Invention VI, referring to claims 153-178, drawn to digital compressing and expanding processes of data content.

The Examiner has contended that Inventions I-VI are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination, yet usable separately from one another. Thus, the Examiner has contended that Invention I has separate utility as a digital content integrity check associated with the feature of computer program modification detection by cryptography; that Invention II has separate utility as stored

data content processing protection using a content key derived from either a system common key or an apparatus-specific key and encryption key data; that Invention III has separate utility as mutual entity authentication in a data processing system between the host device and the slave device using a specific authentication key; that Invention IV has separate utility as a particular key generator which generates individual keys necessary to execute encryption processing based on master keys and identification data of the apparatus; that Invention V has separate utility as a tamper resistant process that verifies the presence or absence of tampering while using an illegal device list included in content data and that executes collation processing accordingly; and that Invention VI has separate utility as digital compressing and expanding processes of data content.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects Invention I, claims 1-46 and 102-136, for further prosecution in this application. Accordingly, claims 47-101 and 137-178 stand withdrawn from further consideration in the present application without prejudice to applicant's right to file one or more divisional applications directed thereto.

No fee is believed necessary for this response. However, if the Examiner believes a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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